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Letter dated 16 October 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to submit herewith the package of proposals entitled "Cooperation for Peace, Justice and Progress", presented by the Islamic Republic of Iran to the countries of the 5+1 group for comprehensive and constructive negotiations (see annex). This package was also presented to the ambassadors of the countries of the 5+1 Group in Tehran on 9 September 2009.

I would appreciate it if you could kindly bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council and circulate it as a document of the Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 16 October 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Cooperation for Peace, Justice and Progress
Package of proposals by the Islamic Republic of Iran for Comprehensive and Constructive Negotiations

There is no doubt that our world is at the threshold of entering a new era. The difficult era characterized by domination of empires, predominance of military powers, dominance of organized and interrelated media networks and competitions on the basis of offensive capability and the power from conventional and non-conventional w[illegible]s is coming to an end. A new era characterized by cultural approach and rational thinking and respect for the true godly essence of humankind is flourishing and blossoming. Many of the predicaments facing our world today, such as the unprecedented economic crisis, the cultural and identity crisis, political and security dilemmas, and the mushrooming of terrorism, organized crimes and illicit drugs, are the products of the fading era of domination of ungodly ways of thinking prevailing in global relations and the ominous legacy for present and future generations of humanity.

Resolution of these problems and creating a world filled with spirituality, friendship, prosperity, wellness and security requires reorganization and creating an opportunity for broad and collective participation in the management of the world. The existing mechanisms are not capable of meeting the present needs of humankind and their ineffectiveness has been clearly proven in the realms of economy, politics, culture and security. These mechanisms and structures are the direct products of relations based on brute power and domination, while our world today needs mechanisms that come from divine and godly thinking and an approach based on human values and compassion. The new mechanisms should pave the way for advancement, the full blossoming of the talents and potentials of all nations and the establishment of lasting world peace and security.

The Iranian nation is prepared to enter into dialogue and negotiation in order to lay the ground for lasting peace and regionally inspired and generated stability for the region and beyond and for the continued progress and prosperity of the nations of the region and the world. Our desire to enter into this dialogue and cooperative relationships proceeds from our inherent national, regional and international capacity and strength, our principled and historical commitment in applying this capacity to foster peace, tranquillity, progress and well-being for nations in our region and beyond. We stand ready to enter into this dialogue on the basis of godly and human principles and values, including the recognition of the rights of nations, respect for sovereignty and principles of democracy and the right of people to have free elections, as well as refraining from imposing pressure or threats and moving forward on the solid foundation of justice and law.

The Islamic Republic of Iran believes that within the framework of principles of justice, democracy and multilateralism, a wide range of security, political, economic and cultural issues at regional and global levels could be included in these negotiations and with a view to fostering constructive cooperation for the advancement of nations and the promotion of peace and stability in the region and the world.

As it was clearly stated last year in our proposed package, the Islamic Republic of Iran believes that drawing lessons from past mistakes and not insisting on futile paths that have proved to be of no avail is the prerequisite for success in the upcoming negotiations. Accordingly, the commitment of all parties involved to, firstly, the composition of a new structure of international interactions that is free from past errors, and secondly, the expression of good intent by all parties both in words and deeds in demonstrating commitment to justice and law can lead to a new phase in negotiations for long-term cooperation, with a view to consolidating lasting peace and security in the region and the world.

Political, security, economic and international issues are the primary subjects that have raised shared concerns in the region and the world for governments and nations. The Islamic Republic of Iran firmly believes that, proceeding from the principles and fundamentals stated above and in light of the present state of affairs in our world, we all need to show compassion and concern for the destiny of humanity and to turn these shared concerns into collective commitments for the purpose of paving the way for effective regional and international cooperation.

The Islamic Republic of Iran voices its readiness to embark on comprehensive, all-encompassing and constructive negotiations, aiming at acquiring a clear framework for cooperative relationships by ensuring the adherence of all parties to collective commitments, a future free from injustice that promises welfare and progress free from double standards for all nations of the region and the world.

Proceeding from regional and international priorities, the axes of the negotiations for peace and prosperity can be included in three main areas: political-security issues, international issues and economic issues.

1. Political-security issues

1.1 Protecting human dignity, respect for their culture and their rights.

1.2 Consolidating stability and fostering just peace, promotion of democracy and enhancement of prosperity of nations in regions that suffer from instability, militarism, violence and terrorism on the basis of:

First: Respect for the rights of nations and national interests of sovereign states;

Second: Consolidating the national sovereignty of countries in the framework of democratic practices;

Third: Refraining from violence and militarism;

Fourth: Tackling the root causes of terrorism.

Some parts of the world, especially in Middle East, the Balkans, parts of Africa, South America and East Asia, need to be accorded priority. Joint efforts and interactions to help the people of Palestine to draw a comprehensive, democratic and equitable plan in order to help the people of Palestine to achieve all-embracing peace and lasting security and to secure their fundamental rights could be good examples of the cooperative relations.

1.3 Combating common security threats by dealing effectively and firmly with the main causes of security threats, including terrorism, illicit drugs, illegal migrations, organized crimes and piracy.

2. International issues

2.1 Reform of the United Nations and the Security Council and raising their effectiveness on the basis of principles of democracy and justice.

2.2 Elevating the weight and position of environmental issues in international relations and fostering collective participation in the management of environmental issues.

2.3 Equitable definition and codification of the rights to space and sharing of all possessors of space technology in the management and fair use of space.

2.4 Definition and codification of the rights relating to new and advanced technologies.

2.5 Promoting a rule-based and equitable oversight function of the IAEA and creating the required mechanisms for use of clean nuclear energy in agriculture, industry and medicine and power generation.

2.6 Promoting the universality of NPT, mobilizing global resolve and putting into action real and fundamental programmes towards complete disarmament and preventing development and proliferation of nuclear, chemical and microbial weapons.

2.7 Enhancement of ethical and human considerations and their full observance in international mechanisms, ties and practices.

3. Economic issues

3.1 Energy and its security in production, supply, transport and consumption.

3.2 Trade and investment.

3.3 Capacity-building for the promotion of public welfare, global poverty alleviation, reducing social gaps and bridging the gap between the South and the North.

3.4 Finding the root causes of the global economic and financial crisis and preventing the occurrence of other manifestations of crisis in the world economy and designing new and just mechanisms.

3.5 Combating underground economy, economic corruption, financial frauds and organized crime activities that are detrimental to economic security.